

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MUTING TV SPEAKERS
WHEN HEADPHONES IN USE**

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on March 9, 2001 as serial no. 09/802,632

The claims of which were last amended on August 8, 2005.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a Filing date before that the application on which priority is claimed.

Foreign Application(s), if any, for Patent or Inventor's Certificated Filed Within 12 Months Prior to the Filing Date of This Application:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Date of Filing</u> (day, month, year) | <u>Priority Claimed</u> <u>Under 35 U.S.C. §119</u> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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Prior Foreign Application(s)

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Country</u> | <u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u> | <u>Priority Claimed</u> <u>___Yes ___No</u> |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

U.S. Provisional Application Number
60/231,465

Filing Date
September 8, 2000

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the Filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international Filing date of this application.

Application
Serial No.

Date of Filing

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patented, pending abandoned

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